

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's Sixth Annual Unsung Heroines of Massachusetts Awards

2009 NOMINATION FORM

*They don't make the news...
they make the difference.*



The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is proud to sponsor the 2009 Unsung Heroines of Massachusetts initiative which, through your nominations, will strive to identify and honor an extraordinary woman from each of the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns.

Thousands of women from every community of the state perform unheralded acts on a daily basis that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities and towns better places to live. They are the Unsung Heroines who use their time, talent, spirit and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others. They are mentors, volunteers and innovators. They are the glue that keeps a community together, they are the spark that gets things started and gets things done...they care about other people and it shows.

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Identifying Unsung Heroines: Nomination Process

Any individual may nominate one or more Massachusetts' women to be considered for selection as an Unsung Heroine. After carefully reviewing all of the nominations received, a selection committee will then choose one Unsung Heroine from each city and town. All 2009 Unsung Heroine awardees will be contacted and invited to attend a ceremony in their honor at a location to be determined.

Please Note: All nominations must be received no later than January 16th, 2009.

Please be aware that the following information may be used for promotional purposes.

Nominator's Name	_____
Address	_____
Town/City/Zip	_____
Organization (if applicable)	_____
Contact Phone #	_____
E-mail address	_____
Nominator's Signature	_____
Nominee's Full Name	_____
Home Address	_____
Town/City/Zip	_____
Phone Number	_____
E-mail Address	_____
Employer/Organization	_____
Town/City/Zip	_____
Profession	_____
City/Town to Be Recognized. (i.e., home or work)	_____

***PLEASE CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE TO COMPLETE FORM. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.**



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NOMINATION FORM (page 2)

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Please be aware that the following information may be used for promotional purposes.

Nominee's Full Name: _____

DIRECTIONS: After checking the box below that best applies to the woman you are nominating, please use a separate sheet of paper to tell us (**in 250-500 typewritten words**) what makes your nominee so special. Please describe what your nominee does and why she should be selected as her community's 2009 Unsung Heroine. *You will find some questions below to help get you started.* If possible, please include a photo of your nominee for our use for promotional purposes upon her possible selection.

- ☐ Volunteer Service (i.e.: local schools, senior centers/programs, hospitals, or other non-profits)
- ☐ Extraordinary effort beyond job description
- ☐ Involvement and Organizing within her Community
- ☐ Promoting Business involvement for Community Service
- ☐ Innovations and Ideas (i.e.: starting project or program that improves the community, helps solve a problem or meets a need within the community)

Questions to help get you started:

- What made you immediately think that *this* woman was the perfect nominee?
- What has this woman accomplished that sets her apart from other women in her area?
- What obstacles has this woman overcome to achieve all that she has accomplished?
- What kinds of selfless acts has she performed that really got your attention?
- Who is it that benefits from this woman's efforts?

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 16, 2009!

You can submit this nomination form by any of the following methods:

E-mail: mcsw@state.ma.us

Submit Online: www.mass.gov/women

Fax: 617-626-6530

Mail Nomination Form:

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women - Unsung Heroines of 2009
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THANK YOU FOR NOMINATING AN UNSUNG HEROINE!

